THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Allotment of land to Vidya Education Society in Delhi

2899. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that land meant for non-aided and non-profit making bodies has been allotted to Vidya Education Society to run its Pusa Public School by Delhi Administration; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Conference with Pentagon on Defence Matters

@2899-A. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to organise a joint Defence Ministry—Pantagon (USA) Conference on defence matters in September, this year;

(b) the criteria to be followed to select the participants; and

(c) the names of the persons selected so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The Government of India has accepted an invitation from the US National Defence University to participate in a non-official Workshop on Security and strategic Issues relating to the Indian Ocean and South Asian region. The Indian delegation will comprise academics as well as officials who will be selected on the basis of their background and experience relating to the topics covered by the Workshop. The composition of the delegation has not yet been finalised.

Memorandum from the owners of the Dhakeshwari Cotton Mills Limited Calcutta

@@2899-B SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated 27th March, 1989 has been received by the Prime Minister from the owners of the Dhakeshwari Cotton Mills Limited, Calcutta-73 about disposal of their properties by Bangladesh Government;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been initiated by the Government of India to ensure that the sale proceeds of their properties are paid to the owners; and

(c) whether any request for granting a term loan has been made by the mill owners and if so, whether the same is under consideration of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) A memorandum dated 27-3-89 addressed to the Prime Minister has been received.

(b) Government have on a number of occasions approached the Bangladesh Government for compensation for the property of the Dhakeshwari

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@Previously Unstarred Question 2587 transferred from the 8th August 1989.

@@Previously unstarred Question 2915, transferred from the 10th August 1989.